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| For: APPARATUS AND PROCESS |) | |
| FOR EXTRACORPOREAL |) | |
| TREATMENT OF BLOOD WITH |) | |
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed in addition to the IDS filed on June 17, 2004 (the "June 17 IDS").

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

The June 17 IDS cited documents DE 4102693 and DE 19854338, which are not in English. The following are concise statements of relevance of these documents.

DE 4102693 discloses blood from a patient's body is drawn off through a pipe (2a) by a pump (13) which pumps the blood through a pipe (2b) to the blood filter (HF). The blood is then returned to the patient's body through the pipe (3) and air bubble trap(4). The filtrate, which has been separated from the blood in the blood filter (HF) flows through an expansion chamber (6), and then through a pipe (5) to the dialyser (7). The regenerated filtrate then flows through the pipe (8) to a second pump (12) which pumps it to a mixing chamber (14) in which it is mixed with fresh blood and returns through the pipe (2b) to the blood filter (HF). USE/ADVANTAGE - Dialyser which is combined with a blood filter.

DE 19854338 discloses the appliance and method of kidney replacement by means of haemofiltration involve an instrument for extracting the patient's blood, connected to a blood-flow system (2) in which a pump (6) conveys the blood at increased pressure. A haemofilter (10) with a blood side (11) and filtrate side (15) is placed after the pump in the blood's direction of flow (1). The blood side of the haemofilter has an appliance for returning the blood from the filter to the patient. The filtrate side of the haemofilter is connected to the inlet (17) of a secondary filter (20) whose outlet (19) is connected to a point (5) on the blood-guide system situated in front of the haemofilter.

A copy of a Search Report from the European Patent Office in a counterpart application is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience copies of the documents listed in the Search Report were filed with the June 17 IDS. Applicants do not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Search Report.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

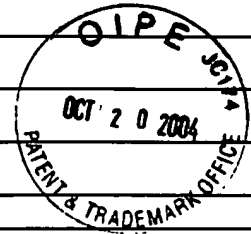
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